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Choice Poetry.

YOU WILL FORGET ME.

A few short years will pass, and you'll forget
That I was once a dweller upon earth;
A few short years, perhaps, you may regret
Her whom you once thought full of truth and worth;
You may regret the low, yet happy voice,
That breathed a fond heart's welcome when we met;
You may sometimes think of your young heart's choice,
But still a few short years, and you'll forget.

You will forget me! other eyes will breathe
Around your sunny dome in loving joy;
A lofty breath may stir you softly beneath;
A merry head amid your dark locks toy;
The melody of that still hand within yours,
May thrill, perhaps, a moment's thought at me begot;
You'll think of long past seasons and happy hours,
And sigh perhaps—but then, you will forget.

You will forget me! you will turn to eyes
Brimming in liquid radiance, jetty black,
Or brightly blue as heaven's own azure skies;
And then your memory will wander back
To her you once adored; to those fond eyes,
Wherein a depth of mind's love was set.
A dream of your pure early love will rise,
A tear may fall—but then, you will forget.

But years may pass—long weary years may roll,
Mountains may build up space 'twixt thee and me—
But, oh! my love will cling around thy soul,
Like vivid tendrils round a withered tree.
All other feelings may give way with years,
Leaving no sought but memory and regret;
We build to these an altar with our tears,
For woman's *help has one solace for her!*

Original Novelet.

THE IRON HAND.

(CONTINUED.)

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CHAPTER III.

While Mr. Howland yet paused the floor in a perturbed state of mind, after the severe flogging he had given to Andrew, and while he meditated another and long continued punishment for the offence which had been committed, a servant handed him a note. It was from Andrew's teacher, and was to this effect—

"From careful inquiry, I am entirely satisfied that your son, when he threw the stone at William Wilkins, was acting in self defence, and, therefore, is blameless. Wilkins is a quarrelsome, overbearing lad, and was abusing a smaller boy, when Andrew interposed. I shall punish Wilkins. This flew upon him the anger of Wilkins, who would have beaten him severely if he had not protected himself in the way he did. Before throwing the stone, I learn that Andrew made every effort to get away; failing in this, he warned the other not to come near him. This warning was disregarded, and the only alternative left to him. I say this, in justice to your son, and to save him from your displeasure. As for Wilkins, I do not intend to receive him back into my school."

For a long time Mr. Howland remained seated in the chair he had taken on receiving the teacher's note. His reflections were far from being agreeable. He had been both unjust and cruel to his child. But, for him to make an acknowledgment of the fact was out of the question. This would be a triumph for the perverse boy, and a weakening of his authority over him. He had done wrong in not listening to his child's explanation; in not waiting until he had heard both sides. But, now that the wrong was done, the fact that he was conscious of having done wrong went not appear. In various ways he sought to justify his conduct. At length he said, half aloud—

"He deserved it for something else, and has received only his deserts. Let him balance himself properly, and he'll never be the subject of unjust censure."

It was thus that the cold-hearted father settled, with his own conscience, this question of wrong towards his child. And yet, he was a man who prayed in his family, and, regularly, with pious observance, attended upon the ordinances of the church. In society he was esteemed as a just and righteous man; in the church as one who lived near to heaven. As for himself, he believed, that severity towards his boy, and intolerance of all the weaknesses, errors, and wayward tendencies of childhood, were absolutely needed for the due correction of evil inclinations. That he, like too many of his class, permitted anger towards his children's faults to blind his better judgment, and to stifle the genuine appeals of nature. Instead of tenderness, forbearance, and a loving effort to lead them in right paths, and make those paths pleasant to their feet; he sternly sought to force them in the way he wished them to go. With what little success, in the case of Andrew, is already apparent.

Angry at the unjust punishment he had received, the boy remained alone in his room until summoned to dinner.

"He doesn't want anything to eat," said the servant, returning to the dining-room where the family were assembled at the table.

"Oh, very well," remarked the father, in a tone of indifference, "fasting will do him good."

"Go up, Anna," said Mrs. Howland to the servant, "and tell him that I want him to come down."

That word would have been effectual, for Andrew loved his mother; but Mr. Howland remarked hastily,

"No, no! Let him remain. I never humor stolen or perverseness. If he wishes to fast he can be gratified."

Mrs. Howland said no more, but she took only a few mouthfuls of food while she sat at the table. Her appetite was gone. After dinner she went up to Andrew's room with a saucer of peaches and cream. The moment she opened the door the lad sprang towards her, and while tears gushed from his eyes, he said—

"Indeed, indeed, mother, I was not to blame! Bill Wilkins was going to beat me—and, you know, he's a large boy."

"But you might have killed him, Andrew," replied the mother, with a gentle gravity that, to love, conveyed reproof. "It is dangerous to throw stones."

"I had to defend myself, mother. I couldn't let him beat me half to death. And I'd like to keep off or I would strike him with the stone. I'm sure I wasn't to blame."

"Why was he going to beat you, Andrew? What did you do to him?" asked Mrs. Howland.

"I'll tell you, mother," replied the boy. "He was pounding, with his fists, a poor little fellow not half his size, and I couldn't stand and see it, if he was a bigger boy than me. So, I took the little boy's part; and then he turned on me and said he'd beat the life out of me. I'm little him and tried to get away; but he could run faster than me, and so I took up a stone and told him to keep off. But, he kept on, and wouldn't keep off. So I struck him with it, and, mother, I'd do it again to-morrow. He boy shall beat me if I can defend myself."

"Why didn't you tell your father of this?" asked Mrs. Howland.

"I tried to tell him, but he wouldn't listen to me," said the lad, with ill-concealed indignation in his voice. "And he never will listen to me, mother. He believes every word that is said against me, and flogs me whether I am guilty or not. I'm sure he hates me!"

"Hush! Hush, my boy! Don't say that. Don't speak so of your father."

"Well, I'm sure he don't love me," persisted Andrew.

"Oh, yes, he does love you. He only doubts what is wrong in you. My son must try to be a good boy."

"I do try, mother; I try almost every day. But, somehow I do wrong things without thinking. Or, else some crazy or fool's fancy must have begun to mould or whip me, and then I don't seem to care anything about it. Oh, dear! I wish father wasn't always so cross!"

While Andrew thus talked, his tears had ceased to flow; but, now they gushed over his cheeks again, and he leaned his face upon his mother's bosom. Mrs. Howland drew her arm closely around her unhappy boy, while her own eyes became wet. For many minutes there was silence. At last she said, in a kind, earnest voice—

"I've brought you a nice assortment of peaches and cream, Andrew."

"I don't want them, mother," replied the lad.

"You'll be hungry before night, dear. It's nearly school time now, and you'll get nothing to eat until you come home again."

"I don't feel at all hungry, mother."

"Just eat them for my sake," urged Mrs. Howland.

Without a word more, Andrew took the saucer.

"Ain't they nice?" asked Mrs. Howland, as she saw that her boy relished the fruit and cream.

"Yes, dear mother! they are very good," replied Andrew; "and yet are good, too. Indeed I love you, mother!"

The last sentence was uttered with visible emotion.

"Then, for my sake, try and do right, Andrew," said Mrs. Howland, tenderly.

"I will try, mother," returned the boy. "I do try often; but I forget myself a great many times."

Soon after Andrew started for school. On arriving his teacher called him up and said—

"Did your father get my note?"

"I don't know, sir," replied Andrew.

"What did he say to you?"

The boy's eyes sunk to the floor, and he remained silent.

"I sent your father a note immediately," said the teacher, "telling him that you were not to blame."

Andrew looked up quickly into his teacher's face, while a shadow fell upon his countenance.

"You don't know whether he received it?"

"No, sir."

The boy's lip curled up contemptuously and inspired if he had delivered the note given him at the dwelling of Mr. Howland as directed. The boy replied that he had done so.

"Very well. You can take your seat."

Then turning to Andrew, the teacher said—

"Was it about William Wilkins that your father sent for you?"

"Yes, sir."

"And did his boy tell you?"

The boy was silent.

"He didn't punish you, surely?"

There trembled on the closing lashes of the injured child; but he answered nothing. The teacher saw how it was, and questioned him no further. From that time he was kinder towards the unhappy boy, and, too often, unfeeling scholar, and gained a better influence over him.

Not for a moment, during the afternoon, was the thought that his father knew of his blameless absence from Andrew's mind. And, when he returned home, his heart beat feverishly in anticipation of the meeting between him and his parent. He felt sure that the teacher's note had reached his father, after punishment had been inflicted; and he expected, from an honorable sense of right and justice, that some acknowledgment, grateful to his injured feeling, of the wrong he had suffered, would be made.—There was no thought of triumph or reaction against his father. He had been wrongly judged, and cruelly punished; and all he asked for, or desired, was, that his father should speak kindly to him, and say that he had been blamed without a cause. How many a dark shadow would have passed from the gloom of sunshine have dispelled from his heart. But no such gleam of light awaited his meeting with his father, who did not even raise his eyes to look at him as he came into his presence.

For awhile Andrew lingered in the room where his father sat reading, hoping for a word that would indicate a kinder state of feeling toward him. But no such word was uttered. At length he commenced playing with a younger brother, who, not being able to make him do just as he wished, screamed out some complaint against him, when Mr. Howland looked up, suddenly, and in a voice of command, said, harshly—

"Go out of the room, sir! I never saw such a boy! No one can have any peace where you are!"

Andrew started, and made an effort to explain and excuse himself, for he was very anxious not to be misunderstood again, just at this time. But his father exclaimed, more severely than at first—

"Do you hear me, sir? Leave this room, instantly!"

The boy went out, hopeless. He felt that he was ordered by his father. (Oh! what would he not have given—what sacrifice would he not have made—to secure a word and smile of affection from his stern parent, whom he had known from childhood only as one who reproved and punished.

CHAPTER IV.

Wronged and repulsed, Andrew left the presence of his father, sad, hopeless, yet with a sense of indignation in his heart against that father, for the wrong he had suffered at his hands.

"It's no use for me to try to do right," he muttered to himself. "If I want to be good, they won't let me."

As these thoughts passed through his mind, a feeling of recklessness came over him, and he said, aloud—

"I don't care what I do!"

"Don't you, indeed?"

The voice that uttered this sentence, caused him to start. It was the voice of his father, who had left his room soon after the expulsion of Andrew, and was at the moment passing near, unobserved by the boy.

"Don't care what you do, sir!" repeated Mr. Howland, standing in front of the lad, and looking him sternly in the face. "You've spoken the truth for once!"

For nearly a minute Mr. Howland stood with compressed brows, scowling upon the half-frightened child. He then walked away, deeply troubled and pained in his mind.

"What is to become of this boy?" he said to himself. "He really seems to be one of those whom fathers deserve to have, that he might slit them in wheat. I really fear that he is given over to a hard heart, and a perverse mind—one predestinated to evil from his birth. Ah, me! Have I not done, and am I not still doing everything to restrain him and save him? But proved, admonition and punishment, all seem thrown away. Even my daily prayers for him are unanswered. They rise no higher than my head. What more can I do than I am now doing? I have tried in every way to break his stubborn will, but all is of no avail."

While Mr. Howland mused thus, Andrew, oppressed by the sphere of his father's house, was passing out at the street door, although expressly forbidden to go away from home after his return from school. For some time he stood leaning against the railing, with a pensiveness of unhappiness on his heart. While standing thus, a lad who was passing by said to him—

"Come, Andy! there's a company of soldiers around in the Square. Hark! Don't you hear the music? Come! I'm going."

This was a strong temptation, for Andrew loved music, and was fond of sight-seeing. It would be useless, he knew, to ask the permission of his father, who usually said a "No," to almost every request for a little liberty or gratification. Especially at the present moment would a request of the kind be useless.

"Come, Andy! come!" urged the boy, for Andrew, notwithstanding the first impulse to bound away at the word soldiers, was debating the question as to whether to go or not.

Just then the ill-fortune of a score of wrongs, and Andrew, unable longer to restrain himself, sprung away with his companion. For half-an-hour he enjoyed the music and military evolutions, and then returned home.

"Where have you been, sir?" was the sharp question that greeted him as he came in.

"Around in the Square, to see the soldiers," replied Andrew.

"Who gave you permission to go?"

"No one, sir. I heard the music, and thought I'd just go and look at them a little while. I've not been doing anything wrong, sir."

"Wrong! Isn't disobedience wrong? Haven't I forbidden you, over and over again, to leave the house, after school, without my permission? Say! You don't care what you do! That's it! Go off up stairs with you, to your own room, and you'll get nothing but bread and water until to-morrow morning! I'll teach you to mind what I say!"

The boy went sadly up to his room. It had been a day of severer trial than usual—of greater wrong and outrage upon him as a child. For the time, his spirit was broken, and he wept bitterly when alone in his silent chamber, that was to be his prison-house until the dawn of another day.

"Where is Andrew?" asked Mrs. Howland, as her little family gathered at the supper table, and she found that one was missing.

"I've sent him up to his room. He can't have anything but bread and water to-night," replied Mr. Howland, in a grave tone.

"What has the poor child done, now?" inquired the mother, in a troubled voice.

He went off to see the soldiers, though he had been expressly forbidden to leave the house after coming home from school."

"Oh, dear! He's always doing something wrong—what will become of him?" sighed the mother.

"Heaven only knows! If he escape the gallows, in the end, it will be a mercy. I never saw so young a child with so perverse an inclination."

"Andrew had no dinner, to-day," said Mrs. Howland, after a little while.

"His own fault," replied the father,—"he chose to fast."

"He must be very hungry by this time. Won't you allow him something more than bread and water?"

"No, no; he is hungry, and will make amend to him."

Mrs. Howland sighed and remained silent. After supper, she took food to her boy. A slice of bread and a glass of water were first placed in a tray, and with these the mother started up stairs. But, ere she reached the chamber, her heart plead so strongly for the lad, that she paused, stood musing for a few moments, and then returned to the dining-room. A few slices of tongue, some biscuit, bread and butter, and a cup of tea, were taken from the table, and with these Mrs. Howland returned up stairs. Unexpectedly, her husband met her on the way—

"What is that for?" he asked, in a voice of surprise, seeing the articles Mrs. Howland was bearing on the tray.

"It is Andrew's supper," was replied, and as Mrs. Howland said this, her eyes drooped, checked, beneath the stern and rebuking gaze of her husband.

"Esther! Is it possible?" exclaimed Mr. Howland. "Didn't I say that Andrew must have nothing but bread and water for his supper?"

"He has had no dinner," murmured the mother.

"I don't care if he has had nothing to eat for a week. I said he could have only bread and water, and I meant what I said. Esther! I am surprised at you. Of what avail will be my efforts at correction, if you countenance them in this way?"

Mrs. Howland never contended with her husband. In all expressed differences of opinion, it was his habit to bear her down with an imperious will. She was weak, and he was her strong tyrant. Not a word more did she speak, but returned to the dining-room and replaced the food she had prepared for Andrew by simple bread and water.

The feelings of childhood never run for a long time in the same channel. Very soon after entering his room, Andrew's mind lost its sad impression, and began to search about for something to satisfy its restless activity. First he got upon the chairs and jumped from one to another. This he continued until his foot passed through the slender cane-work of one of them. Then he turned somersets on the bed until more than a handful of feathers were beaten out and scattered about the room. Next he climbed up the posts and balanced himself on the tester, to the no small risk of breaking that slender frame work, and injuring himself severely by a fall. Soon, the occupant of the room became too narrow; and the elevation of the bed-posts too confining for his expanding ideas. He went to the window, and, opening it, looked forth. Here was a new temptation. The roof of a piazza, built out from a second story, came up to within a foot of the window-sill. He had often ventured upon this roof, and he sprang out upon it again, without a moment's hesitation or reflection, and running along, with the lightness of a cat, gained the roof of the back building, which he ascended to the very apex, and then placed himself astride there-of. Here he sat for some minutes, looking around him, and enjoying the prospect. On the end of the back building was fastened a strong pole, running up into the air some ten feet. On the top of this pole was a bird-box, in which a pair of pigeons had their nest. Two young pigeons had been hatched out, and now nearly full fledged and ready to fly, they were thrusting their glossy heads from the box and looking about from their airy height.

A fluttering of wings, as the mother bird returned with food for her young ones, attracted the attention of Andrew; and, looking up, he saw the young pigeons. Instantly came a desire to remove them from their nest. But, the way to that nest was too difficult and perilous for him to think of executing his wish. This was the first impression. Then, he fixed his eye on the pole, and noticed that the bird, on alighting on a ledge that projected from the box, while she distributed to her younglings the food she had brought. Then sat the boy at the moment his mother left the dining-room with the comfortable supper she had prepared for him, and there she would have found him, in comparative safety, had she not been prevented from carrying out the kind promptings of her heart.

The longer Andrew gazed at the young birds, the more desirous did he become to get them in his possession. Over and over again he measured the height and slenderness of the pole with his eyes, calculating, all the while, his ability to climb it, and the amount of danger attendant on the adventure.

"I'm sure I could do it," said he, at length, rising from the place where he sat, and walking, with careful step, to the edge of the roof at the point which the pole projected. Grasping the pole firmly, he first tested his body over to see if he could rest in a perpendicular line to the pavement in the yard below—a distance of more than forty feet. For a moment his head swam, as he looked from the dizzy height; but he shut his eyes and clung to the pole until self-possessed again. Then he looked up at the bird-box, and reaching his hands far above his head, grasped the pole firmly and drew his body a few inches upwards. Clinging tightly with his legs to retain the slight elevation he had acquired, he moved his hands further along the pole, and then drew himself higher up. Then he progressed until he had reached a point some five or six feet above the roof, when his strength became exhausted, and, unable to retain even the position he had acquired, his body slowly descended the pole, swinging around to the side opposite the roof. On reaching the bottom, it was as much as he could do to get himself once more in a position of safety, where he stood for a few moments, until he could recover himself. He then tried the ascent again. This time he nearly reached the box, when his strength once more defied him, and he had to slide down the pole as before. But, Andrew was not a lad to give up easily anything he attempted to do. Difficulties but inspired him to new efforts, and he once more tried to effect the perilous ascent, firmly resolved to reach the box at the third trial. In his eagerness, he became unconscious of all danger, and commenced clambering up the pole with as much confidence as if it had been placed in the ground.

Great violence had been done to the feelings of Mrs. Howland by her husband. His stern rebuke hurt her exceedingly. She did not find that she had been wrong in yielding to the appeals of her heart in favor of her wayward, misunderstanding boy. Her mother's instinct told her, that he needed kindness, forbearance, and frequent exemption from punishment; and she felt that it was better for him to have this, even though in gaining it for him, she acted in violation of her husband's wishes and command—yes, even though her child knew that such was the case. Sadly was she aware of the fact, that the father's love had become nearly lost in the cold affection that is the heart of his child; and that all obedience to him was exacted under fear of punishment. And she well knew that her interference in his favor, while it could not estrange him from his father more than he was already estranged, would give her greater influence over him for good. Such were the conclusions of her mind—not arrived at by cold ratiocination, but by woman's shorter way of perception. And she knew that they were true.

Hurt in her own feelings was she, by her husband's harsh, rebuking words, and sad for the sake of her boy, as she returned to the dining-room. For some time she remained there, debating with herself whether she should stealthily convey something more than the bread and water to Andrew, or take him the meagre supply of food his father had ordered. In the end her feelings triumphed, and a large slice of cake and an apple were placed in her pocket. Then, with the bread and water she went up to her son's chamber.

"How now! what a boy!" fell from the lips of Mr. Howland, as he looked out of the window, and saw Andrew clambering up the pole. The chairs were scattered about the apartment, and through the casing of one of them was a large hole. The wash-bowl and pitcher were on the floor, and a good deal of water spilled around. The bed-clothes were nearly all dragged off; and it was plain, from the feathers scattered about, that Andrew had been amusing himself with jumping on the bed. Lifting her eyes to the window Mrs. Howland saw nearly a yard of the ticking hanging out of the casing down.

"Oh, what a boy!" she again ejaculated. "He seems possessed with a spirit of mischief and destruction. Andrew!"

She called the lad's name, but there was no answer.

"Andrew! where are you?" The mother looked searchingly about the room. But the noiseless way the boy ear heard his voice. Perceiving now that the back window was open, she came up to it with a quick, fearful alarm. The first object that caught her sight, was Andrew, suspended in the air on the pole that supported the pigeon-box. He was just about reaching the object of his perilous adventure. A wild scream of terror came from the mother's lips, ere she had time to think of self-control. That scream as it pierced, suddenly, the ears of Andrew, startled and unnerved him. A quick muscular exhaustion followed, and ere he could recover himself, he was sliding down the pole with fearful velocity.

"Esther!" exclaimed Mr. Howland, "this from you!"

The distressed mother, in the anguish of her mind, had given utterance to her feelings, with almost a thought as to who was her auditor. The startling uttered words of her husband subdued her into silence.

"I did not expect this from you, Esther," continued Mr. Howland, severely, "and at such a time."

And he stood looking down upon the mother's pale face, with a relenting expression of countenance. Mrs. Howland endured this gaze only for a few moments, and then buried her face in the bed-clothes. Her husband, as his eyes remained fixed upon her form, saw that it was agitated by slight convulsions, and he knew that she was striving to suppress the pain in which her heart was pleading on utterance. For a little while he stood looking at her, and then retired, without speaking, from the chamber, and sought the one where the physician was yet engaged with Andrew. The boy was insensible when he left him, without their hearing; now, signs of returning consciousness were visible.

"Esther!—mother! Where is mother?" he at last said, opening his eyes, and glancing from face to face of those who were gathered around him.

"You have nearly killed your mother," replied Mr. Howland, expanding, without reflection, the feeling of anger which the lad that was still in his heart.

An instant change was visible in the countenance of Andrew; a change that caused the physician to turn suddenly from his patient, and say, in a low, severe tone—

"Sir! Do you wish to murder your child?"

Mr. Howland felt the rebuke, yet did not his eyes sink for a moment beneath the steady gaze of the physician, who, after a moment's reflection, added—

"Pray, sir, don't speak in your child in this way at the present time. It may be as much as his life is worth. If he have done wrong, his punishment has been severe enough. Heaven knows! How is his mother?"

"Better. She has recovered from her faint-ness," replied Mr. Howland.

The door opened while he was yet speaking, and Mrs. Howland came in, looking pale and agitated. The physician raised his finger in solemn prudence, and then turning to Andrew, said, in a cheerful voice—

"Here is your mother, my boy."

Mrs. Howland came quickly to the bedside.—As the boy recognized her the white-faced sufferer, the child subdued and—

"Oh, mother! mother, pardon!"

The mother's frame quivered under the pressure of these words, and she was on the eve of losing all self-control, when the physician whispered in her ear—

"Be calm, madam—the life of your child may depend on it!"

Instantly the mother was calm in all that met the eye. Closer to her child she bent, and with a hand laid gently on his clammy forehead, she spoke to him words of comfort and encouragement, while the physician proceeded in the work of bandaging his bruises and injured limbs.

As for Mr. Howland, he walked the floor with compressed lips, until the physician's work was done. He pitied the sufferings of his child, yet there was nothing of what he called weakness in his pity. The idea that Andrew was suffering a just retribution for his wrong conduct, was distinctly present to his mind. And he even went so far as to put up a prayer that the pain he was enduring, and must, for a long time endure, might result in him a salutary change,—might lead to his reformation.

In due time the poor boy was made as comfortable as the nature of his injuries would permit. A quiet and order restored to the sickened family.

"You see, my son, that punishment always follows evil conduct."

These were the first words spoken by Mr. Howland to his suffering boy, so soon as he found himself alone with him. And then he instead him on disobedience until the poor child grew faint.

CHAPTER V.

The boy recovered, in due time, from his injuries, but there was no manifest change in his character, nor was there any relaxing of the iron hand of authority with which his father sought to hold him back from evil. It is no matter of wonder that he grew hardened and reckless as he grew older; nor that, to avoid punishment, he sought refuge in lying, secretiveness and deceit.

The other children—there were three beside Andrew—being different in character, were more easily subdued under the imperious will of their father, whom they feared more than they loved. Assuming, in his own mind, that Andrew's will had been permitted to gain strength over an effort had been made to control it, Mr. Howland resolved not to fail into this error in the case of the children who followed; and, accordly, he did not. Through the rigors of unfailing punishment for every act of wrong-doing, they were forced into the way he would have them go, and though rebellion was often in their hearts, it was rare, indeed, that it found its way into act, except when there was the utmost certainty that their misconduct would not be found out. Thus, they learned to act hypocritically towards their father, and to regard him as one who mastered, instead of promoting their pleasure.

Mr. Howland had one son besides Andrew—one son and two daughters. Mary was next to Andrew; Edward came next to her, and Martha was the youngest. Edward resembled his father more than any of the other children. He was cold and calm in his temperament, and little influenced by the passions and feelings that control. Andrew, regarding himself as his natural foe, and, therefore, to be watched and guarded against.

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General News.

MARTYRS OF FREEDOM.

The Florence correspondent of the Newark Advertiser has published the following details of the cruelties exacted by the various governments of Italy. After giving a number of instances, it comes to those perpetrated in Naples, in the name of Justice:

Within five or six days the noble but unfortunate young Carlo Poerio, and several of his countrymen, were consigned to the most fetid spot on board of Ischia—where, says one letter, amidst the vilest reptiles, and breathing heavy chains, which bind their bodies, with rough skirts that harass the flesh unaccustomed to clean, soft garments, they are daily deprived of every thing that can make life endurable. They sleep on the bare ground in preference to old straw beds, which, having long occupied by the filthiest individuals, become an insupportable nuisance, and are alive with vermin. Two bottles of water and coarse bread and meat is their daily allowance; but this is not allowed to any purpose: not light, books, papers, nothing to procure the most indispensable wants, for human necessities. Such denial of every means of decency as well as comfort, is one of the worst features of the past, in view of the debasing character of the prisoners, that he ventured to make a respectful request to his superiors—for which act of humanity he was instantly dismissed.

On the last day of the last month 56 other political prisoners, unmerited and tied together, were taken from the prisons of San Francesco in the light of day, and marched in the midst of a long multitude, driven up the steep hill of the prison of Santa Maria. Three of them were accompanied by their wives, and one by his children, whose only crime is having beaten to the ground all the oppressors of their poorer countrymen. The learned Deputy Dominico Romeo—he who was held in the country for his nobility, was also of the number. The sister of one of them is also suffering in another prison the more last privations for the crime of sympathizing with her brother. Another is a lady of highly respectable parentage (Josephine Corsitet) was subsequently torn from home in the night by the police, in search of her friends—particularly for her mother, on account of a letter written by the hands of her friend, Antonio Dobenedetti, for merly President of the Constitutional Club, and a few days after condemned to perpetual imprisonment, a noble Martyr in the cause of Liberty

Luigi Settembrini, a learned man of unimpeachable morals, has just been condemned to die on a charge of having used his learning to diffuse the doctrines of civil and religious liberty enshrined in the American Constitution. His speech in his own defence is worthy the martyr's crown.

"I hope that I have clearly demonstrated that I am neither a traitor nor a conspirator, and even from the fiscal's book I can say with a lofty brow that *I am an honest man*. If it is imputed to me as a crime to be honest, to have learned that our country has a right to demand of us life in labor, toils and pains of every sort, to have dedicated myself fondly to the instruction of the young and to the promulgation of the world of my thoughts of good; if this is my crime, put me to death. I disdain to live where virtue is a crime. I shall go to counsel myself before an other Judge, and from Him I shall not fear that this which I am deny me. Awaiting serenely your decision, I wish before you, and all who listen to me, to give a last and serious lesson to my children. I wish that they may shun the perseverers of their father, because they know not what they do; I wish that they may preserve dear and grateful the memory of Antioco Lavrio my defender. To O Poerio, my master, only to whom my heart is united by the tenderest affection, I wish to say, bear in mind the exile of the times; remember that every man, even yourselves may be subsumed in the same way; remember that that sad day your decision of the destinies of all Europe, which observes you—comes the counsel of God, by whom all the men and all the judges of the earth are to be judged."

In his letter to his wife, this noble man says:

"I shall die with the certainty that my blood will be fruitful of good to my country, and to my Giglo, to my Raffaele, to my Emilia, to you, and my dear children, it will not bring shame that I died on the gallows. You will one day be honored by it. You will be awaited with anguish. I know it, but command your heart, my Gigia, preserve your life for our dear children, to whom you will pay that my soul will be ever with you all there, that I see you, that I hear you, that I continue to love you as I loved you, and as I love you in this terrible hour. I learn, to my children the example of my life, and a lesson which I have always sought to practice unvacillate and honored. You will tell them to remember these words which I entered before the court on the day of my defence. You will tell them that bleeding there and kissing them a thousand times, I leave to them three precepts—To recognize and adore God; to love labor; to love, above everything, their country."

Scientific Movement of the Fixed Stars.—At a meeting of the Berlin Academy of Sciences, held on May 31st, last, the venerable Alexander Von Humboldt made an interesting communication upon some observations of things in movement upon some observations of things in the high sky, made by Argelander, at the observatory of Bonn, between 7 and 8 o'clock, P. M., before the rising of the moon, when the star Sirius was not far from the horizon, it was seen to perform a remarkable series of concentric movements. It rose and sank, moved left and right, and sometimes seemed to move in a curved line. The observers were Mr. Krause, a student in the upper class of the gymnasium, and Mr. Thoguth, a saddler, both certified to be reliable persons. The family of the latter also beheld the phenomena. Mr. Krause, with his hand leaned immovably against a wall, saw Sirius rise in a right line above the roof of a neighboring house, and immediately again sink out of sight behind it, and then again appear.—Its motions were so considerable that for some time the beholders thought it was a meteor suspended by a ribbon. It also varied in brilliancy, growing alternately brighter and fainter, and now and then losing for moments quite invisible, though the sky was perfectly clear. As far as it is known, the phenomenon has been remarked but twice before, once in 1796, from the Peak of Teneriffe, by Von Humboldt himself, and again nearly fifty years later, by a well informed and very careful observer, Prince Adalbert, of Prussia.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Recession from the Episcopal Church.—The Rev. B. F. Ansgbrodt, of Cincinnati, a distinguished minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, has written a letter of considerable length to Bishop McIlvaine, withdrawing from his connection with that Church. He says, he believes the Church needs reformation, but that it cannot be restored. He therefore must resign from it, as he cannot give his influence to what he cannot but regard as fundamentally wrong. He bases his objections upon what he regards as the evident Romish tendency of the Church. It is not stated what denomination he purposes to connect himself with; but he seems strongly towards Presbyterianism.

Excommunicated.—We understand that Bishop Timon, last Sunday, caused a pastoral letter to be read in all the churches of his diocese, formally excommunicating St. Louis Church and congregation. The church has been deprived of its priests for two or three months past, because it would not surrender it irrespective into the hands of the bishop, and this extreme step has been taken as a further punishment of the "refractory" trustees, who insist that the ownership of the church property shall remain where it was placed by the donor, the late Louis Lacoste.—*Bost. Com. Adv.*

POLITICAL NEWS.

Pennsylvania Vice Governor.—In a large portion of last week's edition, we gave a summary of the proceedings of the Democratic State Convention up to the selection of the Democratic candidate for Auditor-General, and the refusal of the Convention to pass a resolution directly supporting the Fugitive Slave Law, at the same time that the Administration organs are loud in declaring that the Convention has fully endorsed the Compromise measures. The candidates of the Convention are John Strohm, of Lancaster, for Auditor-General, and for the vice Governorship, Henry D. Foster, of Westmoreland.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for five candidates for Judges of the Supreme Court. The first ballot resulted as follows:

Wm. M. Meredith, Philadelphia,	77
Richard Coulter, Westmoreland,	119
John W. Conly, Mercer,	105
George Chambers, Franklin,	97
Wm. James, Somerset,	69
Jos. D. Bollington, Armstrong,	69
Daniel M. Smyser, Adams,	94
John H. White, Erie,	79
David P. Gordon, Berks,	69
James T. Hale, Centre,	97
D. R. Mulvany, Montgomery,	14
Milton C. Rogers, Bucks,	4
D. G. Perry, Schuylkill,	1
John Banks, Berks,	1

The whole number of votes polled was 135, and the Chair declared a majority, 68, to constitute. The first four on the above list were accordingly chosen. All on after ballot, Mr. Jessup, of Susquehanna, was the chosen by 77 votes. The Convention soon after adjourned.

Ohio.—The people of Ohio have, by a large majority, decided to accept the new Constitution lately prepared for them by a Convention elected for that purpose. The following section, which was published in a separate vote, has been strongly supported, if not adopted:

"No Senator to testify in intoxicating liquors shall hereafter be granted in this State, but the General Assembly may, by law, provide against evils arising therefrom."

Resistance.—The nominations for Congress in Mississippi are complete. All the members of the late Congress are candidates for re-election. They are opposed by Union candidates. All the candidates on both sides are Democrats. Both candidates for Governor will be Democrats: Gen. Foote the Union candidate, Gen. Quitman the Southern Rights candidate.

Vermont.—Governor Fairbanks, nominated for Governor by the State Rail Convention, at Montpelier, Vermont, declines to be a candidate, and gives his reasons in a letter to the Montpelier Patriot. He says that he cannot consent to the resolutions passed by the Convention, inasmuch as he believes the Fugitive Slave Law to be constitutional, and he cannot admit that the act passed by the last Legislature, authorizing the State officers to defend any person claimed as a slave by the heads of United States officers, is a just exercise of the powers of the State.

Controversy.—The House of Representatives have indefinitely postponed the election of a U. S. Senator. The last ballot stood:—Baldwin, Whig and Free Soil, 101; Seymour, Democrat, 97; scattering 7.

The Connecticut Liquor Bill has been enacted in by both branches of the Legislature, which added a proviso that, on account of its stringency—prohibiting the sale of ardent spirits in that State,—it shall be first approved by the people.

☞ According to the New York papers, some one in that city has been cheating the government out of from one hundred thousand to half a million of dollars.

What a Rich man Can Do.—Many people turn up their noses at what they call "dirty work," although all honest labor was not cleaner than many kid glove ways of swindling one's way through the world. Rather than owe our living to the latter, we would infinitely prefer to shake corn or sweep chimneys at fifty cents per day. A day or two since we heard an instance both of history touching a door of "dirty work"—a bad case. No matter where he was born, he was none the worse for being a Turkman or an Irishman. He came to this city about ten years ago, young, healthy, and honest. He could set no employment but hod-carrying, and he carried on well as to earn at once his dollar a day. He procured cheap but good lodgings; spent little or nothing for liquor, gambled or pleasure; attended church on the Sabbath; educated himself on evenings; laid up money; and at the end of five years bought a lot in the city, and built a pretty cottage. In one year more he found a good wife, and used the cottage he had before rented out. For three six years he had steadily carried his hod. He was a noted workman, an acknowledged scholar, and a noble patron of the arts. On the opening of the eighth year his talents and integrity were called to a more profitable account. He embarked as a partner in a professional business already well established.—This day he is worth at least $100,000, has a lovely wife and two beautiful children, a home that is the centre of a brilliant, social and hospitable circle, and he is one of the happiest and most honored of men so far as he is known. So much has come of a hod-man.—*New Yorker.*

Discovery of an Ancient Scandinavian Idol.—The German papers state that about three weeks ago, as some boatmen were dredging in the River Eimers, which separates Galliken from Russian Podolia, they came on a colossal statue in stone, which they succeeded in bringing safely on board. The height is about eighteen feet, and the figure has four heads covered with curly hair, and without beard. It was recognized immediately to be the representation of Svantovit, one of the principal gods of the old Sclavonian race. It is supposed to have lain in the water for at least ten centuries, and is in excellent preservation, nothing being wanting except the bow and horn, the former from the right hand, and the second from the left. The divinity had a celebrated temple at Arkona, in the Isle of Rugen, where human victims were sometimes offered up. This temple, remarkable for the wealth which it contained, was destroyed in 1168, by Waldemar I., King of Denmark. This statue, which is the only one extant of the divinity, has been presented by Count Potocki, on whose ground it was found, to the University of Cracow.

Noss Lost and Recovered.—The New York Journal of Commerce tells the following:—

A servant girl of reasonably pleasing personal appearance, living in the family of Doctor Clark Bedell, on Sunday evening, 25th May, ascribes to fly throat her head through a glass door, completely cutting off the larger portion of her nose. After the lapse of some minutes the piece was found adhering to the broken glass. It was immediately placed in its proper position by Dr. C., and so held until adhesive plaster could be obtained, when it was secured as well as circumstances would permit. At the expiration of about two weeks, the plaster was removed, and the operation found triumphantly successful, and now (June 18) there can be observed no more deformity than would be caused by a slight scratch. After the operation Dr. C. consulted an eminent surgeon, who remarked that all had been done that was necessary, but that he had no confidence that the parts would ever unite—The above is made public that all may know the effect of promptness in similar cases. Dr. C. has gratification of knowing that a human face has been saved from disfigurement for life. —*N. Y. Jour. Com.*

Murderer Sentenced.—Shelton, Taylor, and Murphy, convicted in Maryland of the murder of the Gordon family, have been sentenced to be hung. The Judge made a very long and very feeling address to the prisoners. The law allows an indulgence of twenty days after sentence before execution. The Executive will fix on early day for the execution of the sentence.

Death of Mary Osgood.—We learn with regret that Mary Osgood, the youngest daughter of S. S. Osgood, the artist, and the immortal Fanny Osgood, died, at the Spingler Institute, on Wednesday night week. She was about twelve years old, and was a child of rare beauty and unusual precocity of intellect. Several of Mrs. Osgood's poems were written for her.

An Expensive Farm.—At Crawfordsville, Indiana, a few days since, H. L. Ellsworth, of Lafayette, entered in the land office 197 quarter sections of land, making 39,160 acres. It is understood the company for which he is acting authorized him to have 5,000 acres put to cultivation during the present year.—*Worcester Spy.*

The Weevil.—The farmers in the counties of Ontario and Yates, New York, are a good deal alarmed by the appearance in their wheat fields of this destructive insect. It first made its appearance in that region last year, but did little damage. Present appearances indicate that it may this season be more destructive.

Death Reanimated.—The will of Elihu Crannell, the great slave trader, was probated on the 19th ult. He orders all the slaves he may die possessed of, being over one hundred, to be sent to a free State, at the expense of his mother in Carolina, to whom he has bequeathed the balance of his estate.

Kidnapping a Boy.—The Watertown (Wis.) Register, states that a little son (9 years old) of Jedediah Clark, of Shields, Dodge County, was lately carried off by a man named Rhoads. The mother of the kidnapper is unknown, or at least not mentioned.

Our Common Gun.—General Arbuckle, of the United States Army, whose death at Fort Smith is mentioned, was more than fifty years in the service. He was eighty years old at the time of his death.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

The recent republican disturbances in the adjoining British officers by children in Schleswig, which caused so much indignation, have been suppressed; among the expedients the people adopted at last to turn the other into ridicule, was the following: A theatre was fitted up, and made to look the elegant hall of assemblage, but its scenes were managing two or three in a back room, and of course excluded from view of the audience. Mrs. Howe, a very estimable lady of the stage, had just completed her infantile and animated song, when the engaged in connection with Mr. Watson, relating to some matters of the performance. Mrs. Howe, not aware that the curtain was closed, began to sing the corresponding the lamp from the stage, dipped from its footlamps and fell to the ground, exploding like Sheet on the top of the head. She uttered a shriek—"Oh, my God," and in a moment fell stone dead upon the stage, which was soon covered with her blood. Of course, the performance was immediately suspended.

Mrs. Howe came to this country as Miss Kemble, and is the grand-daughter of Stephen Kemble, who was for many years the manager of Drury Lane theatre. Her husband is at present in New Orleans. She was a general favorite of the company, all of whom are shocked and grieved beyond expression at her tragic and suddenly end. She had been wedding the whole afternoon by the bedside of Mr. Lucas, another member of the same company, who died last evening of cholera at the Indian Queen Hotel; had stood the open of that room in which she had just departed gone to sustain her own part for the evening with a sad and gloomy thought. As we saw her about ten o'clock last evening, laid out upon the bosom of the Green Room, just as she fell, with the gay and elegant robes of the stage still upon her, we could not contemplate the shocking picture without a pang and a shudder.—*St. Louis Rep. 17th inst.*

A Self-Made Despotat.—A London correspondent of the New York Courier and Enquirer relates the following incident attending the opening of the World's Fair. The man who could successfully pass himself off as an "Ambassador," ought to have been a Yankee:

Conspicuous among the *corps diplomatique*, and in fact the most prominent in the very throng of royalty, was a person in the costume of Mandarin, who had secured that position as of right, and whom the public and the officials of the Exhibition observed to be the "Chinese Ambassador."

This dignitary was the occasion of no little curiosity and speculation. The Queen, Prince of Wellington, the Marquis of Anglesea, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and many other of the highest personages in the realm, and were regarded as by an easy and cheap intruding person. M. Gliese Chinese's person, in lieu of resting, requires a "protector" which accompanied the Queen in making the circuit of the Exhibition, his diplomatic dignity was to follow in the wake of Chinaman the "cold shoulder," and at length a little inquiry and collection awakened a remonstrance of the fact that there is no such person as a "Chinese Ambassador" in London; and the discovery of a most superb impostor was at length made. The fellow is described by all the fabrics contemplated, the staple is made to resemble wool quite closely. Specimens dyed red, blue, yellow, &c., are exhibited, in which the felting and satisfactorily the fabrics taken any color that may be desired. Besides these in rolls of flannels, petticoats, and almost every variety of plain textures, fabricated wholly of the fibre of the nettle, are shown. The material is considerably troublesome to manufacture, but the fabrics manufactured

Selected Poetry.

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A Leaf from History

THE SOUTH SEA SCHEME.

The South Sea Company was founded by the celebrated statesman, Harley, Earl of Oxford, in 1711, for political purposes; and on terms ridiculed over the fingertips of the schemer, that it was called "The Earl of Oxford's Masterpiece." The company, which consisted of merchants, undertook the payment of a large quantity of the National Debt, amounting to £10,000,000 sterling; and in return for this they were incorporated with exclusive privileges, among which was that a monopoly of the trade in the South Seas, and were usually called the Pacific Ocean. The idea was, that by means of commerce with Peru, Mexico, and other gold producing countries, Britain would soon be filled with the precious metals. Owing, however, to the refusal of Spain to permit the commercial intercourse with her transatlantic dominions, which the company had expected to open up, by the Treaty of Utrecht, which closed the war of the Spanish Succession in 1717, which a single ship had not, and even this slight benefit of the Assiento Contract was disputed with the English Government by the continental powers with Spain in the following years.

Still the Company flourished as a monetary concern; and in 1720 it and the Bank of England were the two great offices to the assistance of the Government in the payment of the debts of the State, now amounting to about £31,000,000 sterling. The ultimate offer of the South Sea Company was, that in return for undertaking the discharge of the debt, it should be reduced 5 per cent. interest for four years; after which Government was to be at liberty to redeem the debt, paying only 4 per cent. interest till the completion of the redemption. After a number of years' negotiation the House of Commons between the friends of the South Sea Company and the friends of the Bank, the offer of the former was declared the more advantageous, and hence given to bring in a bill to that effect.

Immediately the South Sea Company seemed the public eye; and every person who possessed capital, desired to invest in a concern of such splendid promise. The day after the passing of the above resolution, the Company's stock rose from 130 to 300; and notwithstanding all the grumblers of the time predicted ruin of the undertaking, among whom was Mr. Walpole, it continued to rise. The contagion of the Mississippi frenzy had reached England; and although by the time the failure of Law's scheme might have been evident, this did not hinder the English from rushing into a similar folly. Great efforts were therefore made by Sir John Blunt, the Chairman of the Company, and other interested parties, to raise the market value of the stock; and by the time that the bill—after passing the House of Commons by a majority of 472 to 55, and the House of Lords by a majority of 80 to 17—received the royal assent, the price had almost risen to 600. "It seemed at that time as if the whole nation had turned stock-jobbers. Exchange Alley was crowded day and night by noblemen, and Cornhill was blocked up by a number of carriages. Everybody came to purchase stock. 'Every fool aspired to be a bubble.'"

The apparent success of the South Sea Scheme led to many other projects equally extravagant. In all, the above bids were speedily filled up, and as a common trouble existed on its shores, while at Canada [illegible] was resolved to be raised there to a million of money in a subscribed. Every schemer soon received the name of bubbler, the most appropriate that imagination could devise. Persons of distinction, of both sexes, were deeply engaged in all these bubbles; those of the trade not going to taverns and coffee-houses to meet their brokers, and the latter resorting for the same purpose to the shops of milliners and haberdashers. The Prince of Wales became Governor of one company, and he said to have cleared £40,000 by his appointment. So great was the confusion of the crowd in the Alley, that shares in the same bubble were known to have been sold at the same instant 10 per cent. higher at one end of the Alley than at the other.

Unlike the Mississippi Scheme, which was a complicated affair, and really was founded on the reasoning of an able man, however false the reasoning may have been, the South Sea project was a gross imposition, known by the dullest heads of bankers, and accordingly its explosion was instantaneous. When the price of stock had reached its highest, the Chairman of the Company, Sir John Blunt, and other influential partners, sold out; and as soon as his become known, the fall commenced. On a sudden, stock fell from 1,000 to 700. A public meeting of shareholders was then held, at which many speeches were delivered by the disappointed people concerned, most of them cursing the panic as utterly groundless, and declaring that the affairs of the Company stood as well as ever. In vain were all these attempts to arrest the progress of the chute. Down, down, down fell the stock; till about the middle of September, it had reached of 650! "Various are the conjectures," says Mr. Bostwick, M. P., in a letter to Lord Chancellor Middleton, "why the South Sea Directors have omitted the chief to breathe the world, no doubt that they would do so when they found it to their advantage. Their most considerable men have drawn out, covering themselves by the bones of the dolefuls, throughout numbers, whose understandings have been overruled by avarice, and the hope of making mountains out of mole-hills. Thousands of families will be reduced to beggary. The consternation is beyond description, the rage beyond expression, and if the case altogether unparalleled, that I do not see any plan or scheme to touch or thought of for averting the blow, so that I cannot pretend to guess what is next to be done!" Whatever any of the directors of the Company appeared in the streets, they were mobbed and insulted, and riots of a serious character were apprehended.

The Government, in the utmost alarm, sent deputation to the King, who was then in Hanover, requesting his immediate return; and encouraged with His Majesty's assurance, he hastened the head of Parliament to come forward and proposed with the English the sinking Company. The Bank consented to a contract, by which it agreed to circulate the Company's bonds; but finding the agreement would prove ruinous to itself, it retracted it, and left the Company to its fate. Before the end of September the Committee of the Scheme was complete, and South Sea stock was selling at 135. The rise, progress, and fall of the Scheme had occupied but eight months.

It would be impossible to compute the amount of suffering to which the South Sea Bubble gave rise—the number of persons whose health and happy were blasted—the number of families who were reduced to ruin. We may allude to the case of Guy the poet. "Guy," says Dr. Johnson, in his Lives of the Poets, "had in the disastrous year a present from young Craggs of stock South Sea stock, and came disposed himself to be content with moderate gain. His friends advised him to sell his shares, but he dreamed of dignities and splendour, and could not bear to obstruct his own fortune. He saw them apportioned as call to reach an equal purchase £500 a-year for life. 'Whether,' says Pope, 'it will make your court at a closer rate, and a shudder of anticipation, I know not; but I am sure it will make you sleep the worse.'"

Gay, however, did not sleep the worse, and he lived the twenty years after the bubble burst in the enjoyment of a handsome income. Many others, however, were not so fortunate. Many families were reduced to ruin. Many persons, who had lived in the enjoyment of wealth, were obliged to have recourse to the charity of their friends, and to the public charity. Many committed suicide. Many went mad. Many died of broken hearts. Many fled the country. Many were thrown into prison. Many were reduced to the most abject poverty. Many were driven to the most desperate courses. Many were ruined in character as well as in fortune. Many were ruined in character as well as in fortune. Many were ruined in character as well as in fortune.

Selected Articles.

GEORGE SAND.

Madame Dudevant, or George Sand, as she is more generally called, is now publishing her memoirs, and it appears that the confessions of Rousseau, Chateaubriand, and Lois Mendez will sink into insignificance before the twelve volumes which profess to reveal the secrets of the life of Madame Sand. I have never seen this celebrated woman, but I am acquainted with several persons who have long known her intimately. From them I have learned to admire and esteem her admirable qualities, and to deplore the circumstances which have corrupted a nature so great and noble. The faults of her whole life may be traced to her education, or rather to her want of any moral education. She was brought up by an excessively weak and indulgent grandmother, who allowed her to do just as she pleased in everything. As a child, she roved the village and the fields, with the little peasants as her companions. As she grew up, her inclinations and her great strength of character began to develope themselves, and as no kind mother or sister was near to direct her truthful mind, she converted ideas and feelings which have been the bane of her women's life.

At fifteen she was married to Monsieur Dudevant, a Colonel or Captain, I believe, in the army; at anyrate, he was a soldier, a coarse, brutal man, who was totally unfit to be the husband of a young heart, as yet pure, or heart in its natural impulses, as it was possible to be. A very short time proved to both husband and wife that there could never be any sympathy between them.—The husband, accustomed to tyrannize over his soldiers, thought to do the same over his wife; but he found the little girl, the child as he thought her, more than a match for him. In short, the few years of their married life were only an uninterrupted series of battling, in which the wife always triumphed. His conduct towards her was always marked by the greatest brutality.—More than once he refused his hand against her, but it was in the privacy of her own chamber, and for the time was not known further. But, once when there was a party of ladies and gentlemen at the chateau, a scene occurred which put an end to all further disputes. The ladies had the gallantry to ask the lovely bride, and respected to the gentlemen, whose hearts were after her pursuit. They were in a frolic, and one of the ladies proposed as a good joke, to put coal in the shoes reserved for the gentlemen. This was done, and the gentlemen coming down to get their coffee, were anything but pleased at the new method of preparing it. As to M. Dudevant, he was furious, in short, got beside himself completely, and the most abusive language to his wife, and finally, as she got up to retire, he gave her, what is most deliberately said in France, a blow with the foot.

That evening, when they were alone, Madame Dudevant, with all the severity and dignity which the village she had received demanded, said to her husband—

"You have this day pronounced our divorce. We can no longer reside beneath the same roof. You must leave the chateau. The moment I am left alone in Paris, and during that time you will be in Paris with me, I shall take steps to obtain a divorce. You must go to Paris."

The husband, who did not know his wife, and who had left the country during the time of the Revolution, and who had been accustomed to have his own way in everything, was astounded at the firmness of his wife, and at the tone of dignity which she assumed. Leaving the daughter, or less daughter of the Company, he left for Paris, and the divorce was obtained. Madame Dudevant returned to the chateau, and resumed her usual habits of life. Shortly after this bill, Rabbit, the Treasurer of the Company, absconded, or escaped in the confusion with many thousand pounds of the money. The House of Commons was in session at the time, and the Speaker, Aislabie, and Craggs, the Postmaster-General, were committed to the Tower. Aislabie was expelled the House, and ordered to refund £30,000. The Earl of Sunderland, who was most implicated in this, was acquitted by a majority of 233 to 172. Mr. Craggs, under, died the night before he was to have appeared at the bar, and, by private arrangement with his friends, brought on by grief caused by his disgraceful situation, and the premature death of his son, Secretary Craggs, five weeks before. His property, amounting to £1,000,000, was confiscated. The Directors of the Company were then tried, one by one, and the whole property of each confiscated, except a small allowance which was left them to maintain their families. Sir John Blunt was allowed £5,000 out of £183,000; Sir John Fellows £10,000 out of £243,000; Sir Theodore Janssen £20,000 out of £243,000; Mr. Edward Gibbon, the grandfather of Gibbon the historian, £10,000 out of £106,000; Sir John Lambert £5,000 out of £79,000—and others in proportion.

Out of the funds preserved by this large confiscation of property, some compensation was made to the sufferers; but altogether it did not amount to much. It was long before compulsion removed the shock which it had sustained; and to terrible was the lesson, that to this day no subject bubble has been known at all approximate. In magnitude, to the South Sea bubble. For years after, indeed, was one of bubbles; and speculation was dreaded by high in 1808; but the South Sea Bubble is still, and may it long continue to be, without a rival in our history.

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Selected Articles.

GEORGE SAND.

Madame Dudevant, or George Sand, as she is more generally called, is now publishing her memoirs, and it appears that the confessions of Rousseau, Chateaubriand, and Lois Mendez will sink into insignificance before the twelve volumes which profess to reveal the secrets of the life of Madame Sand. I have never seen this celebrated woman, but I am acquainted with several persons who have long known her intimately. From them I have learned to admire and esteem her admirable qualities, and to deplore the circumstances which have corrupted a nature so great and noble. The faults of her whole life may be traced to her education, or rather to her want of any moral education. She was brought up by an excessively weak and indulgent grandmother, who allowed her to do just as she pleased in everything. As a child, she roved the village and the fields, with the little peasants as her companions. As she grew up, her inclinations and her great strength of character began to develope themselves, and as no kind mother or sister was near to direct her truthful mind, she converted ideas and feelings which have been the bane of her women's life.

At fifteen she was married to Monsieur Dudevant, a Colonel or Captain, I believe, in the army; at anyrate, he was a soldier, a coarse, brutal man, who was totally unfit to be the husband of a young heart, as yet pure, or heart in its natural impulses, as it was possible to be. A very short time proved to both husband and wife that there could never be any sympathy between them.—The husband, accustomed to tyrannize over his soldiers, thought to do the same over his wife; but he found the little girl, the child as he thought her, more than a match for him. In short, the few years of their married life were only an uninterrupted series of battling, in which the wife always triumphed. His conduct towards her was always marked by the greatest brutality.—More than once he refused his hand against her, but it was in the privacy of her own chamber, and for the time was not known further. But, once when there was a party of ladies and gentlemen at the chateau, a scene occurred which put an end to all further disputes. The ladies had the gallantry to ask the lovely bride, and respected to the gentlemen, whose hearts were after her pursuit. They were in a frolic, and one of the ladies proposed as a good joke, to put coal in the shoes reserved for the gentlemen. This was done, and the gentlemen coming down to get their coffee, were anything but pleased at the new method of preparing it. As to M. Dudevant, he was furious, in short, got beside himself completely, and the most abusive language to his wife, and finally, as she got up to retire, he gave her, what is most deliberately said in France, a blow with the foot.

That evening, when they were alone, Madame Dudevant, with all the severity and dignity which the village she had received demanded, said to her husband—

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Miscellaneous.

HUMANITY CALLED.—Whatever the Hungarians may now be, they at one time appear to have been a very humane nation. In a great battle between them and the Turks, in which they were unable to bring relief by a certain, that, when it became necessary for a female to take the reign of sovereignty, they would never allow her the feminine appellation of queen, but preferred to styling her king. Thus it will be seen in the annals of Hungary, that the daughter of Louis I. reigned as King Mary, in 1385.

Wit and Humour.

Two Roman Answers.—Mr. Bowdler had been in a conversation party—a party where, as he thought, he had made a very good impression, or the quality of the guests, for that occasion did not only be the "Right of them," but to the fact that he had pronounced his better half to be fonder of his children! But Judkins said "politely" of Mr. Bowdler, that he was "a very clever man with the idea that he was exhibiting himself with the idea that he was exhibiting himself with the idea that he was exhibiting himself